

Flecheiros

The **Flecheiros** are one of the uncontacted peoples in the Javari region of the Amazon. Their ambiguous name simply means "arrow shooters".

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Language

Ethnographically, the people are similar to the Kanamarí. However, a meeting between a Kanamarí and the Flecheiros was observed, showing that the two have different languages. Their language is thus unknown and therefore unattested.^[1]

History

In September 2017, the Brazilian government investigated a reported massacre in August of about 10 members of the tribe who were gathering eggs along a river when they were killed by gold miners. The miners had bragged about "cutting up the bodies and throwing them in the river."^{[2][3]}

Flecheiro	
Region	Javari
Language family	unattested
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	None (mis)
Glottolog	flec1235 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/flec1235) ^[1]

In popular culture

The Flecheiros are the subject of a story *The Unconquered: In Search of the Amazon's Last Uncontacted Tribes* by Scott Wallace in the 2011 National Geographic edition detailing a 76-day expedition in 2002 led by famed indigenous activist Sydney Possuelo by to find the status of the Flecheiros in the Vale do Javari Indigenous Land.^[4]

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